

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A golf club putter, comprising a shaft having an upper end and a lower end, and a club head secured to the lower end of the shaft and having an first, second, third and fourth impact face and a sole, said first impact face extending substantially parallel to the axis of the shaft and said second, third and fourth impact faces extending at an incline relative to the axis of the shaft, said shaft being oriented substantially perpendicular to said sole and having a length such that said upper end is fixable as a pivot point approximately at the level of a golfer's chest with the shaft being positionable along one arm of the golfer for grasping by the hand of the arm for being swung back of the golfer and forward with the arm about said pivot point.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that said shaft is oriented at an angle of at least 10° from perpendicular relative to said sole.

Claim 3. (withdrawn) The golf club putter according to claim 2, characterized in that said putter has two soles, each diverging from the axis of the shaft at an angle of at least 10 degrees from perpendicular to the axis of the shaft.

Claim 4. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that the length of the shaft is variable.

Claim 5. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 4, characterized in that the shaft comprises at least two parts, which are adjustable relative to one another in the direction of the axis of the shaft and are fixable to one another in a set position.

Claim 6. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that the length of the shaft is selected for the particular golfer using the golf club putter such that the upper end of the shaft is at least approximately in the region of the golfer's armpit.

Claim 7. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that said shaft is attached to the club head at least approximately centrally between the ends of the impact face that is essentially parallel to the axis of the shaft.

Claim 8. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that said club head has a back side, facing away from said impact face and forming an impact face that is inclined relative to the axis of the shaft.

Claim 9. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that said club head has opposite side faces, at least one of said side faces is located between the front and back faces and is an impact face that is inclined relative to the axis of the shaft.

Claim 10. (original) A golf club putter according to claim 8, characterized in that said club head has opposite side faces, at least one of said side faces is located between the front and back faces and is an impact face that is inclined relative to the axis of the shaft.

Claim 11. (withdrawn) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized in that the sole of the club head has a curvature with a center point located at least approximately in line with the axis of the shaft.

Claim 12. (withdrawn) The golf club putter according to claim 11, characterized in that the curvature of the sole has a radius of at least 1 meter.

Claim 13. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 1, characterized by a grip on the shaft extending from the upper end of the shaft a distance of approximately 60 cm to approximately 70 cm from the club head.

Claim 14. (original) The golf club putter according to claim 13, characterized in that said grip is formed of a plurality of pieces.

Claim 15. (original) A method for use by a golfer to putt a golf ball using a putter having a shaft attached to a club head with the shaft extending substantially vertical to the sole of the club head and being of such a length that the upper end of the shaft is positionable at approximately the level of the chest when the club head is in position to putt the golf ball, said method comprising: addressing a golf ball by facing the hole to which the golf ball is to be putted with the golf ball at a side of the golfer, holding one arm against the golfer's chest while grasping the upper end of the shaft with the hand of the golfer's arm that is against the chest so that the shaft extends generally along the other arm which is hanging, grasping the shaft with the hand of the hanging arm, swinging the hanging arm to the back of the golfer and forward to putt the golf ball while holding the upper end of the putter as a pivot point.

Claim 16. (original) The method according to claim 15 characterized in that in said grasping of the upper end of the shaft the upper end of the shaft is positioned at the armpit of the golfer.

Claim 17. (original) The method according to claim 15 characterized by the final step of removing the ball from the hole after correctly performing the steps recited in claim 14.